

# News from the Glen

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**The bimonthly newsletter of the Waterfall Glen Chapter of the  
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<http://www.hep.anl.gov/ega/waterfallglen.html>



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## **A Letter From Our President**

Hello Everyone,

Can you feel it? There is a promise of it...spring. Is it safe to come out of hibernation? There is an uncertainty about it. Is it time to stitch Easter bunnies instead of snowmen? It does feel good just to think about it. We may still have another blizzard or storm to detour our getting together but we can feel the changes. It feels good just to plan a new project!

There are other times of uncertainty. We are under the threat of war. We have personal trials. Maybe there is something special or new; an upcoming wedding or special event to prepare for? Planning new projects and stitching works like therapy. I recently had several weeks of doctor appointments and tests and the uncertainty of whether the lump in my breast was malignant or benign. Thankfully, the lumpectomy proved it to be the latter. Stitching helped bring a calm; it helped to think about something else. It kept me occupied. Stitching with my friends and the closeness that it brings helps even more. Joyce is experiencing the same thing as she recovers from her broken arm. She couldn't stitch at first but was able to work on our banner's design. Now she is actually able to use a needle! She uses a frame and larger count and it works. She is with her friends and her stitching will help strengthen her muscles in her fingers and her wrist. It will feel wonderful to complete that first piece!

We have some awesome projects in the works. It was about a year ago that the Waterfall Glen banner was first proposed and now we are about ready to put needle to linen. All of the afghans for our drawing are underway. We've already had two wonderful monthly programs taught and Kathy Christie has more planned! Come to our board meetings and plan with us. Come to our Saturday stitch-n-stitch and play with us.

Let's celebrate spring! It's time to come out and show off what you've accomplished. Let's stitch together,  
Karen Bonse

## GLR Seminar Theme Contest!



to chapter members Joyce Kinnally and Carol Todd. They submitted an entry, "That Needlin' Town" to the Great Lakes Region Theme Contest. Their entry won the contest! We are looking forward to the 2007 GLR Seminar to be held here in the Windy City!

## GLR Seminar Logo Contest!

Now that we have a theme for the 2007 Seminar, we need a logo. Put your mind to work and try to come up with a logo using just initials, EGA, the EGA logo, or the entire name, The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. The deadline for the logo contest is April 1, 2003. Submit your entries to Marlene Schmidtke, 6221 S. 121 Street, Hales Corners, WI 53130. Good luck to all who enter the contest!

## Welcome New Member!

Jane Peters met our Pres-on-the-Prowl, Karen Bonse at a local LNS and was invited to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Sit N Stitch at the Willow Springs Village Hall. One afternoon spent with all our wonderful members made Jayne ask how she could join our cozy little group! Welcome, Jayne. We are glad to have you among our ranks!

## NCCSS News

Have you been working on getting your entry ready for Rockome? You must have your piece(s) registered before May 17, 2003. Cathy will be driving to Arcola on the 23<sup>rd</sup> so check with her to reserve a space for your stitched entry. If you choose to let Cathy take your entry, please make a note of it on your registration form so they are aware you will not be delivering your piece yourself.

## EGA Website Review

by: Karen M. Campbell

This month, we have a sampling of samplers ... and sampler threads.

<http://www.sixstrandsweets.com/> features flosses with such yummy names as Chocolate Covered Cherries and Organic Fruit Salad. For \$4, they will send a Floss-o-Gram gift to a special friend. The Floss-o-Gram consists of two skeins of their floss and a card with your name on it.

<http://www.threadgatherer.com/fibers/> produces hand-dyed threads and ribbons in silk, silk/wool blends, and linen. Under Patterns they have several needlerolls (a/k/a Elegant Cat Toys).

The following historical needlework links come from Mary R. in Southern California:

<http://www.skinnersisters.com> -- This is the site of Linn Skinner, a well-known teacher of blackwork and goldwork.

<http://www.scarlet-letter.com> -- samplers, needlework and reproduction samplers. They stock not only authentic samplers, but the supplies to make your own. Click on Accessories to order (among other things) notecards with photos of historical samplers. And if you don't have time to stitch your own, look into their pre-stitched models, which are for sale as well.

<http://www.emlis.com> also stocks everything you need to make a new or reproduction sampler.

<http://www.antiquesamplers.com/index.html> deal exclusively in antique samplers and girlhood embroideries. Although they don't carry stitching supplies, they stock a book on valuing samplers, and sampler engagement calendars to keep your favorite stitcher running on time.

<http://www.theessamplaire.com/> starts out with an excellent description of the process of creating reproduction samplers. They sell some old samplers (reach for the

smelling salts before you look at the prices) as well as their own charts and supplies.

<http://d-compu.dyndns.org:8079/planetstitch/antique.htm> is a page of links to various sampler-related websites.

We thank Mary for directing us to these interesting places! If you have a favorite website or internet shop that you'd like to share, send an e-mail to [KMC528@aol.com](mailto:KMC528@aol.com), and we'll let everyone know about it.

\* \* \* URL CHANGES \* \* \*

Please correct your bookmarks with the new URLs for Craft-Searcher (now [www.Craft-Searcher.net](http://www.Craft-Searcher.net)) and Fabrics2U (now [www.fabrics2u.com](http://www.fabrics2u.com)).

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## POST-IT BOARD

Are you looking to unload some of your stash? Post the items here! Please contact Cathy Kruk with information about your items and she will publish it in the next newsletter!



For Sale: Skirtex: a heavy-duty interfacing used in C.A. Wells pieces to stabilize stitching for an ornament or stand-up piece. You can use this for assembly of your stitched piece whenever you need a rigid, yet flexible appearance. Check with Cathy to get a look at this product. One yard \$.50.

## WFG AFGHANS

Work is progressing on the Sekas Monthly Hearts afghan which will be used for an Opportunity Drawing for our Exhibit in October. To date it looks like 5 squares have been completed. The other afghan is quickly taking shape, too. Four squares have been stitched as it moves through the 2<sup>nd</sup> group of stitchers.

## GREAT LAKES REGION NEWS

### 29<sup>th</sup> Annual GLR Seminar “A Symphony of Stitches”

hosted by White Pine Chapter

May 4 – 8, 2003

Bavarian Inn Lodge

Frankenmuth, Michigan

Registration opens November 15, 2002 for GLR members (or members-at-large).

Four-day registration fee is \$350; two-day registration fee is \$200. Kit fees and hotel accommodations at the Bavarian Inn Lodge are extra. The Wednesday night Dinner Tour will include a trip to the EGA 17<sup>th</sup> National Exhibit, “Through the Needle’s Eye” and dinner at the elegant Montague Inn, a Bed & Breakfast located along the banks of the Saginaw River.

Check out the class projects at the regional EGA web site, [www.ega-qlr.org](http://www.ega-qlr.org). If you’ve never experienced a regional seminar, NOW is the time! There are several chapter members attending the seminar next year, so if you are looking for a roommate to share expenses, speak up! Contact Cathy Kruk for a registration form if you’d like to attend. All forms must be mailed to Registrar: Karen Van Hine, GLR Seminar 2003 Registrar, 357 Harvest Lane, Frankenmuth, MI 48734. Contact her with any questions, [kvhine@aol.com](mailto:kvhine@aol.com).

**EGA 17<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL EXHIBIT,  
"Through the Needle's Eye":**

May 7 – Aug 3, 2003  
Historic Society of Saginaw County  
Castle Museum  
Saginaw, Michigan

Aug 26 – Sep 28, 2003  
Fine Arts Center Galleries  
Bowling Green State University  
Bowling Green, Ohio

**SEMINAR 2004-NEEDLE MAGIC!**

The Fox Valley Chapter is offering pre-registration for the GLR Seminar 2004. The dates are April 18-22, 2004. Classes will be four days with some Sunday afternoon mini classes. Teachers for the seminar include Michele Roberts, Francye Farley, Marion Scoular, Marnie Ritter, Deanna Powell, Caela Conn Tyler, Lynn Payette, Carole Lake and Kathy Fenchel. If you wish to pre-register and can't attend the Seminar 2003 in Frankenmuth where the teaching samples will be on display, send a business-sized (#10) envelope SASE to Karen Wojahn, 426 Woodfield Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313. Information will be mailed out by May 1, 2003.

**OHIO STATE DAY**

The date has been set for Saturday, July 19, 2003 at St. Raphael's Bookstore and Conference Center, 4365 Fulton Drive, Canton, Ohio. State Day will be hosted by The Hidden River Chapter of Ohio, in Massillon. The theme will be Scottish Samplers with a lecture and a stumpwork thistle will be taught.

**INDIANA STATE DAY**

"An Old Fashioned Garden" will be held at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Peru, Indiana, on Saturday, September 20, 2003. Learn a new finishing technique as you work on the baffled needle roll project. You can see a picture of the project at [www.picturetrail.com/mary-jo](http://www.picturetrail.com/mary-jo) You will be required to pre-stitch the motif and edge stitching to be able to finish the piece in class. The registration deadline is May 31, 2003. The kits will be mailed the second week of June. If interested, send a

registration form and check for \$35 to Sharon M. Henderson, Registrar, 2003 State Day, PO Box 66, Medaryville, IN 47957-0066 or email for more information, [hendson@home.ffa.com](mailto:hendson@home.ffa.com) See the Regional Rep for a registration form (Cathy Kruk).

**CHAPTER BUCKS:**

There were no winners of chapter bucks for the January and February meetings. For a chance to win a chapter buck, just bring in your completed chapter program for show-and-tell!

**2003 BOARD MEETINGS:**

Next board meeting.....March 25, 7pm at the Patio Restaurant in Bridgeview.

**UKRAINIAN OPENWORK GCC:**

Our next get-together will be at the Saturday Sit and Stitch on March 15. Please join us as we work on these unfamiliar stitches! Have you been practicing your prutyk merezhka? If you don't know what that is, you need to join us for our next lesson! We now have a new turn in date, June 1, but I'll need to mail the projects in about a week earlier. Hope to see you on the 15<sup>th</sup> at Willow Springs old Village Hall!

**Programs 2003**

Wow, Kathy Christie has some great Programs planned for us! Check out the offerings for the next few months:

**March 11**

Mini Samplers by Nancy Sturgeon  
Cost: approximately \$15

**April 8**

Research – learn about unique books, web sites, helpful hints, etc.  
Cost: free to chapter members & guests

**May 13**

Florentine Needlecase by Sue Kerndt  
Cost: approximately \$15

To find out details of the Programs, take a look at Kathy's Program book which is available at every Chapter meeting.

## Index of Advertisers

### **COTTAGE STITCHERY**

618 W. State St.  
Geneva, IL 60134

#### **HOURS**

Mon.-Wed.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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Sat.: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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14314 Beacon  
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ph. (708) 460-7779

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Sat.: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Mon.-Fri.: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
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website: [www.thegreatframeup.com](http://www.thegreatframeup.com)

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**HOURS**  
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e-mail: [mail@houseofstitches.com](mailto:mail@houseofstitches.com)

### **STITCHERS' EXPRESS**

621 Lake Land Boulevard  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
ph. (217) 234-7024

#### **HOURS**

Mon.-Fri.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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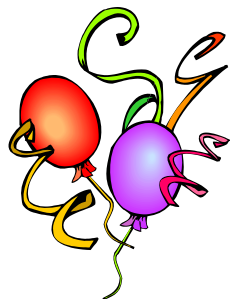
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## Birthdays!

### March

6-Mar Margaret Venables  
 11-Mar Evelyn Brown  
 26-Mar Ellie Roloff

### April

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